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(2) **Six hundred and twenty-three items are pending with the Public Works Department.** The agreement with contractors provides for six months' time to detect defects in the works completed as latent defects cannot be found out immediately and the final payments and refunds made. Besides works have to be checkmeasured, the correctness of the entire account has to be verified including verification of all bills for intermediate and advance payments taking into account also recoveries for variety of materials supplied to the contractor to ensure against overpayments. The Chief Engineer is taking action to refund the amount as soon as final bills are paid.

* 2000 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases of Public Works Department Contractors whose security deposits accounted for in the Treasury Deputy Collector's Office, Tiruchirappalli, since 1957 but not credited to the accounts of the Public Works Department;

(*b*) the reason therefor; and

(*c*) the action taken on the person responsible for the default?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) One hundred and twenty-nine cases.

(*b*) & (*c*) The matter is being investigated and the persons found responsible for the default will be dealt with suitably.

Catchment area of Kurwadi tank, Arni taluk (assignment)

* 2001 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) வடாற்காடு மாவட்டம் ஆரணி தாலுகா கூர்வாடி ஏரி எதுவாயிலுள்ள நீர்பிடிப்பு நிலங்களை சிலர் ஆக்கிரமித்திருப்பதாக 7–12–60-லும், 23–6–61-லும் வந்த புகார்களின்மீது எடுத்துக் கொண்ட நடவடிக்கை எந்த நிலையில் உள்ளது ?

(இ) இதற்குமுன் அந்நிலங்களின் மகசூல் பட்டா பொது மக்களுக்கு வழங்கப்பட்டிருந்தது இப்போது ரத்து செய்யப்பட்டதா ?

(உ) அப்படியாயின், அதற்கான காரணமென்ன ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (அ) A petition, dated 17th December 1960, was received from Sri Kuppuswamy Gounder and other ryots of Malayampatti village requesting for the cancellation of the patta granted in favour of one Kanna Gounder. A report has been called for from the Collector of North Arcot and it is awaited.

(இ) & (உ) Yes. Under section 3 (*g*) of the **Madras Estates Abolition Act, 1949, all such rights cease and determine with effect from the notified date.**